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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS

The Examiner and Applicants' counsel conducted telephone discussions regarding this application on February 14, 2006, April 20, 2006, and April 21, 2006. In the initial conversation, Applicants' counsel explained that he believed the previously filed Response To Office Action was responsive. The Examiner continued to assert that it was not responsive. It was resolved that the previously filed amendment would be considered on the merits by the Examiner upon the filing of a request for continued examination and the submission by Applicants of any additional material prior art identified by Applicants in classifications D12/501 and D12/605. In the later conversations, the patentability of the claims as amended in the Response of November 7, 2005 was also discussed. Applicants' counsel proposed to add the language to Claim 31 as amended herein. Applicants' counsel pointed out that this amendment is supported by the specification in at least Paragraphs 46 and 50. The Examiner reviewed the specification and agreed that the claim language was supported. The Examiner also indicated that the pending claims, if amended as proposed, appeared to be patentable over the prior art of record, but that the Examiner would still need to update the previously performed prior art search in view of the proposed amendment.

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REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for participating in the above-mentioned telephone interviews with their counsel. Applicants have filed herewith a Request For Continued Examination and an Information Disclosure Statement that includes prior art identified by Applicants in classifications D12/501 and D12/605. Applicants have also amended Claim 31 as discussed in the interviews with the Examiner. The claim amendment is supported in the specification by at least Paragraphs 46 and 50.

This application is believed to be in condition for allowance. If any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned counsel to expedite allowance of this application. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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